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This book is a clear and concise history of the soul in western philosophy, from Plato to cutting-edge contemporary work in philosophy of mind.

- Packed with arguments for and against a range of different, historically significant philosophies of the soul
- Addresses the essential issues, including mind-body interaction, the causal closure of the physical world, and the philosophical implications of the brain sciences for the soul's existence
- Includes coverage of theories from key figures, such as Plato, Aquinas, Locke, Hume, and Descartes
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